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AMERICAN PLOT TO ISOLATE CEYLON

- Says "Blitz"

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Under the headline "American Plot to Isolate Ceylon" a recent issue of the Indian weekly "Blitz" carries a story alleging that there was an anti-government conspiracy inspired by Jayawardene, the Minister of State, during the absence of Prime Minister Senanayake from Ceylon."

It refers to an article published by the Lebanese newspaper *Ash Shaab* on October 28 last year and headlined "CEYLONER MINISTER ENDANGERS HIS COUNTRY'S RELATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED WORLD AND WITH U.S. CONNIVANCE HAS SUSPICIOUS DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL"

"An analysis of the facts contained in this article", says *Blitz*, highlights the complicity of the Americans in this plot. The name of Joseph Goodwin, Political Attache to the American Embassy in Ceylon, in particular, has been mentioned.

"Goodwin, whom the Arab press dubbed as the 'Cunning Fox of the Desert' is a notorious American intelligence agent carrying a diplomatic passport."

"Way back in 1961 he was thrown out of the UAR for his close relations with the Zionists, for organising an anti-Nasser plot and circulating subversive leaflets against the UAR".

The article goes on to allege that Goodwin has set up a wide "network" in Ceylon. Among the names of those with whom he is in contact it mentions "the Inspector General of Ceylonese Police, Attygalle, and the manager of the Lake House Publishing Company E. Wickremasinghe."

It says that through E. (presumably Esmond) Wickremasinghe, "Goodwin established contacts with Jayawardene"

"Though the American plot failed miserably", comments *Blitz*, "it exposed the American game of trying to isolate Ceylon from the non-aligned nations..."

Blitz goes on to say that *Ash Shaab* "divulged that the Ceylonese government, on Goodwin's recommendation, invited one Carnelli, a prominent Israeli security expert, to help Ceylon organise its secret services. Carnelli managed to send a large group of Ceylonese Police Officers to Israel to foster close relations between the security services of Ceylon and Israel."

"Thus", comments *Blitz*, "a vicious triangle emerges: Israel pitted against the Arab world in collusion with the USA; and Ceylon, also in collusion with Washington, challenging the third world".

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